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SUBJECT: NATO MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT STEERING COMMITTEE (NMPASC)

DRAFT PROGRESS REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS

DIRECTORS (CNAD) FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1974.

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REF: A. DOCUMENT CD-D/682 OF DECEMBER 20, 1974

B. USNATO 6957

C. USNATO 3416

BEGIN SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE SUBMITS MISSION COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON SUBJECT REPORT AND REQUESTS WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON FOLLOWING POINTS: (1) FRENCH/FRG ROLLS-ROYCE DISPUTE AND (2) FRENCH SALE OF ATLANTIC TO PAKISTANT.

ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE REQUESTED BY PARAGRAPH 4. END SUMMARY.

1. MISSION RECEIVED SUBJECT REPORT (REFERENCE A.) ON JAN 9 WITH REQUEST THAT NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES SUBMIT AGREEMENT OR AMENDMENT TO THE NMPASC SECRETARY BY JAN 21. THE CHAIRMAN, NMPASC WILL TABLE THE REPORT FOR APPROVAL AT THE FEB 13 NMPASC MEETING. MISSION WILL POUCH REPORT.

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2. CHAIRMAN, NMPASC REQUESTED SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON SECTION OF REPORT DEALING WITH FRENCH/FRG ROLLS-ROYCE DISPUTE (REFERENCE B, PARAGRAPH 2.) WHICH READS:

QUOTE 11. IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO SOLVE WITHIN THE STEERING COMMITTEE THE PROBLEM OF FINANCIAL COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE EUROPEAN CONSORTIUM OF ENGINE FIRMS FOR THE TYNE ENGINES (FN IN BELGIUM, SNECMA-HISPANO IN FRANCE AND MTU IN GERMANY) IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE LOSSES INCURRED BY THIS CONSORTIUM AT THE TIME OF MANUFACTURE OF TYNE ENGINES FOR THE FRENCH AND GERMAN ATLANTICS.

IN 1970 THE PRINCIPLE OF REINBURSEMENT OF SUCH LOSSES BY PAYMENT OF F.FR 16,200,000 WAS AGREED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE PROVIDED THAT CERTAIN COMMITMENT WOULD BE FULFILLED BY THE ENGINE FIRMS OF THE CONSORTIUM I.E. MAINLY THE MAINTAINING OF SPARE PARTS PRICES.

FOLLOWING FOLLS ROYCE BANKRUPTCY, THE NEW "ROLLS ROYCE 1971" FIRM HAS INCREASED TO A GREAT EXTENT THE PRICE OF ITS FABRICATIONS AND THE EUROPEAN MANUFACTURERS HAVE INCLUDED SUCH INCREASES IN THEIR SPARE PARTS PRICES. HENCEFORTH THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES DEEM THAT THE CONDITIONS AGREED FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF THESE LOSSES ARE NO LONGER FULFILLED. HOWEVER, BELGIUM AND FRANCE DEEM THAT SUCH INCREASES ARE BEYOND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONSORTIUM MANUFACTURERS AND THAT THEIR LOSSES SHOULD NEVERTHELESS BE COMPENSATED.

THE STEERING COMMITTEE IS THEREFORE ASKING THE DIRECTORS OF ARMAMENTS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM.UNQUOTE.

A. MISSION RECOMMENDS US AGREE TO THIS PARAGRAPH.

3. MISSION, NOTING THAT REPORT MAKES NO MENTION OF THE SALE OF THREE ATLANTIC BY FRANCE TO PAKISTAN, (SEE REF C PARA 2), RECOMMENDS THAT THE NMPASC INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING, OR SIMILAR, PARAGRAPH TO KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT AND COMPLETE:

QUOTE: FRANCE ANNOUNCED SALE OF THREE ATLANTIC AIRCRAFT FROM THE FRENCH NAVY INVENTORY TO PAKISTAN. THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE DELIVERED IN 1975 AFTER OVERHAUL. UNQUOTE. MISSION EXPECTS THAT FRANCE WILL OBJECT STRENOUSLY TO THIS PARAGRAPH BECAUSE CONFIDENTIAL

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SALE WAS MADE WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITHIN THE NMPASC. STILL, MISSION VIEW IS THAT REPORT SHOULD MENTION THE SALE.

4. MISSION VIEW IS THAT US CAN AGREE TO THE REPORT AS DRAFTED WITH POSSIBLE EXCEPTION OF ITEM DISCUSSED IN PARAGRAPHS 3. ABOVE. ACTION REQUESTED. REQUEST WASHINGTON CONCURRENCE OR GUIDANCE, INCLUDING DEGREE TO WHICH US SHOULD INSIST ON MENTIONING THE PAKISTAN SALE IN THE REPORT. REQUIRE GUIDANCE BY COB JANUARY 20, 1975 TO ALLOW MISSION TO ADVISE NMPASC SECRETARY OF US AGREEMENT OR AMENDMENT TO REPORT, AS REQUIRED, BY JANUARY 21, 1975. MCAULIFFE

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